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TAGS: EFIS, PLOS

SUBJECT: SOUTH PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES AGENCY

REF: WELLINGTON 2789

1. DEPT APPRECIATES THOUGHTFUL ANALYSIS CONTAINED REF.
WE ARE FORWARDING BY SEPTTEL A DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE
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SITUATION AS WE SEE IT ON THE EVE OF THE RESUMED NEGOTIATIONS.

2. REGARDING RECOMMENDATIONS MADE BY EMBASSY, DEPT HAS
BEEN IN CONTACT WITH AMB. OLMSTED VIA TELEPHONE AND SHE
INTENDS TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES WITH PRIME MINISTER
SOMARE PRIOR TO CONVENING OF JUNE 5 MEETING. THE DEPT

IS MAKING STRENUOUS EFFORTS TO REDUCE THE SIZE OF THE US DELEGATION AND IS HOPEFUL THAT THE OFFICIAL LIST WILL BE LIMITED TO TEN DELEGATES. WE HAVE ALREADY DISCUSSED WITH THE TUNA INDUSTRY REPS THE DESIRABILITY OF LIMITING OUR PARTICIPATION AND THEY HAVE AGREED. WE EXPECT THAT ONLY

ONE PROCESSOR AND ONE BOAT OWNER WILL BE ON THE DELEGATION. WE ARE SIMILARLY HOPEFUL THAT OUR ISLAND GROUPS WILL AGREE TO BE REPRESENTED BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE WESTERN PACIFIC REGIONAL FISHERIES COUNCIL. FINALLY, WE INTEND TO SUPPORT SEPARATE OBSERVER STATUS FOR THOSE FACTIONS OF MICRONESIA

WHO DESIRE IT, CONTINGENT UPON AGREEMENT AMONG THEMSELVES AS TO THE NATURE OF THEIR REPRESENTATION.

3. THE DEPT IS SOMEWHAT LEERY OF PUSHING GNZ REGARDING THE QUESTION OF CHRIS BEEBE'S PARTICIPATION. THE FISH-ERIES TEAM MADE THE POINT FORCEFULLY DURING THEIR VISIT TO WELLINGTON AND WE HAVE SIMILARLY PRESSED THE GNZ EMBASSY HERE. ON EVERY OCCASION, GNZ REPRESENTATIVES HAVE EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR THE CONFIDENCE THAT WE PLACE IN BEEBE BUT HAVE BEEN QUITE NON-COMMITAL. THEREFORE, WHILE WE DO NOT WANT TO MAKE ANY SORT OF FORMAL REQUEST OF THE GNZ, WE AGREE THAT IT WOULD BE DESIRABLE TO REITERATE ONCE AGAIN OUR HOPE THAT BEEBE COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE, STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF HIS LEADER-CONFIDENTIAL

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SHIP TO THE OVERALL SUCCESS OF THE EFFORT. EMBASSY SHOULD APPROACH GNZ AT THE APPROPRIATE LEVEL, INDICATING THAT IT IS ACTING ON INSTRUCTIONS, AND MAKE THE PERTINENT POINTS. WE DO NOT, HOWEVER, BELIEVE THAT ANY FORMAL OR WRITTEN REQUEST SHOULD BE MADE.
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